

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2927 - SB 3400

February 26, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all students who test two or more grades below expected academic achievement to attend summer school provided by local education agencies (LEAs).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$20,000/One-Time

Increase Local Expenditures* - Exceeds \$40,000,000/Recurring

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Education (DOE), the Department will need to update its computer software to determine how many students have tested two or more grades below proficiency, an increase in one-time state expenditures of \$20,000. According to DOE, approximately 290,020 students in grades 3-12 are deemed “not proficient.” This definition means that these students are testing below their expected level, not necessarily two grades below. It is likely that students testing not proficient do so in multiple areas. There are no data on how many students this bill will specifically affect.
- DOE does not collect data on how many LEAs currently offer summer school, how many existing teachers are employed, how many students are enrolled, or what courses are offered. It is estimated by the Department that a minimum of a four week, half-day program will be needed in each subject area.
- Traditionally, summer school is taught by existing personnel. It is unknown how many additional teachers will be needed. It is assumed that additional teachers will be needed to provide these services at a student teacher ratio of 15:1. Teachers will teach two groups per day. One month salary with benefits will be \$4,771 per teacher. According to DOE, 9,668 total teachers will be needed at a cost of approximately \$46,126,028 ($9,668 \times \$4,771 = \$46,126,028$).
- This estimate does not include costs of transportation, student breakfast and lunch, and additional support staff.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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